



Medicaid Advisory Committee Minutes

May 23, 2019

IGCS Conference Room C

Members Present

Dr. Leila Alter, Ms. Tabitha Arnett, Mr. Matt Brooks (Chair), Mr. Michael Colby, Ms. Terry Cole, Ms. Katy Stafford-Cunningham, Ms. Elizabeth Eichhorn, Mr. Herb Hunter, Mr. Rodney King, Ms. Barbara McNutt, Mr. Mike Phelps, Mr. Evan Reinhardt, Ms. Allison Taylor (Chair) and Dr. Jennifer Walthall. Sydney Moulton was Kimberly Williams' delegate representing the Indiana Academy of Ophthalmology.

I. Call to Order/Opening Comments

Co-chairs Matt Brooks and Allison Taylor opened the meeting of the Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC) at 10 a.m. by welcoming members and guests. MAC members introduced themselves and Chairman Brooks reviewed the meeting agenda and remaining dates of 2019 MAC meetings.

II. Approval of February Minutes

Chairman Brooks presented the minutes of the February 27, 2019, meeting for approval. After being moved and seconded, the minutes were approved.

III. Rules

Ms. Chelsea Princell, Attorney from FSSA's Office of General Counsel presented two rules for discussion:

a. LSA 18-546: Credentials Verification Organization (CVO) Rule

This proposed rule will amend 405 IAC 1-1.4-3 to clarify credentialing standards and add 405 IAC 1-1.4-3.5 to establish credentialing criteria. These changes are being made to update administrative rules to reflect current state code per HEA 1007 (2018). The last step: The public hearing was held on March 7, 2019 and the rule was submitted to the Attorney General on May 16, 2019. The next step: If the Attorney General approves of the rule, it will be submitted to the Governor for approval.

Ms. Princell invited questions from MAC members. There were none.

b. LSA 19-174: Rate Reduction Extension Rule

This proposed rule amends 405 IAC 1-8-3, 405 IAC 1-10.5-6, and 405 IAC 1-14.6-26 to extend through June 30, 2021, the three percent rate reduction for covered outpatient hospital services, covered inpatient hospital services, and covered nursing facilities, respectively, which are currently set to expire on June 30, 2019. These changes are being made in order to remain within the available Medicaid



appropriation. Last step: A public hearing was held on May 16, 2019. We received one written comment, however, this did not result in any changes being made to the rule. The rule was submitted to the Attorney General on May 20, 2019. Next step: If the Attorney General approves of the rule, it will be submitted to the Governor for approval. We expect this rule to be effective on or before June 30, 2019.

Ms. Princell invited questions from MAC members. There were none.

IV. FSSA Updates

A. HIP Workforce Bridge

Medicaid Director Taylor introduced Dr. Jennifer Walthall, FSSA Secretary, to present Indiana's HIP Workforce Bridge initiative. With the rollout of Gateway to Work, the level of education and employment of HIP members will improve. As it does, some HIP members will experience increased income and need to transition to commercial coverage. However, these members may face cost-related barriers when transitioning to commercial coverage. The HIP Workforce Bridge will give outgoing HIP participants the ability to use up to \$1,000 from their POWER accounts for premiums, deductibles, copayments and coinsurance for the next 12 months during their transition to commercial coverage.

The Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP) will submit an amendment for CMS consideration and approval later in 2019.

Co-Chairs Brooks and Taylor invited public comment.

Kevin O'Toole, MHS, expressed his support for the HIP Bridge proposal and Gateway to Work. He also shared other ways MHS participates in and supports Indiana's Medicaid program and members.

Katherine Zito, expressed Anthem's support of the HIP Bridge and shared the other ways Anthem participates in and supports Indiana's Medicaid program and members.

Mark Fairchild, Covering Kids and Families, shared his support of the HIP Bridge proposal. He also proposed that navigators be assigned to this population to ensure members are aware of and take advantage of all available options and resources.

Laura McCafferty, Indiana Hospital Association (IHA), registered support for HIP Bridge and shared other ways IHA participates in and supports the Medicaid program and members.

Amy Levander, IU Health, shared a statement from Tory Castor, Senior Vice President of Government Affairs. The statement expressed IU Health's support of the HIP Bridge proposal and acknowledged the exceptional work by Medicaid, HIP, and Gateway to Work.

Caitlin Finnegan-Priest, expressed CareSource's support of HIP Bridge and presented information about other ways CareSource participates in and supports Medicaid and members.

Patti Hebenstriet, registered MDWise's support of HIP Bridge and shared other ways in which MDWise participates in Medicaid and supports members.

Chairman Brooks closed public comment on HIP Bridge and expressed appreciation to those who shared and acknowledged FSSA's work.

B. Quality Strategy Plan

Medicaid Director Taylor introduced Meredith Edwards, Director of OMPP's Quality & Outcomes Section who presented information about the 2019 Quality Strategy Plan. To ensure continuous improvement within Indiana's Medicaid program, the Plan outlines initiatives to ensure members receive high quality healthcare and providers meet key performance indicators.

Ms. Edwards invited questions from MAC members. There were none.

C. Managed Care Focus: Prior Authorization

Medicaid Director Taylor introduced leadership from Indiana Medicaid's managed care entities (Anthem, CareSource, MDWise and MHS) who presented information about the prior authorization process including online submissions and filing appeals, and customer service efforts.

Co-Chairs Brooks and Taylor thanked the plans for presenting and encouraged MAC members to make suggestions, ask questions, and discuss.

At the conclusion of the plan presentations, Director Taylor introduced Michael Cook, Director of OMPP's Provider Services Section, who walked through the current retro-eligibility process. He reviewed current issues and how they are being addressed.

V. Conclusion

Chairman Brooks announced that a special MAC meeting is planned to (a) provide FSSA's annual HIP status update and to solicit public comment, and (b) present a public hearing for the proposed SMI (Serious Mental Illness) amendment to HIP. Members will receive notification. He also reminded members of the next regular meeting on Thursday, August 22nd and shared that the MAC will undergo some changes including a new format and expanded membership. Chairman Brooks adjourned the meeting at 12:03 p.m.